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FUNDS TO NGO FOR AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organizations that have been provided with financial-aid during the last five years for plantation under the Afforestation Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether these organizations have submitted the utilization certificates after implementation of the scheme and an inspection of their work has been carried out by the Government; and

(c) if so, the number of organizations whose work was found to be satisfactory alongwith the number of organizations which have misused the funds and the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The details of financial assistance provided by the National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for plantation under the Grants-in-Aid Scheme for Voluntary Agencies during each of the last five years, State-wise are given in the Annexure.

(b) The subsequent instalments to the project implementing Non Governmental Organizations are released only on receipt of the Utilization Certificate and the field inspection report of the State Forest Department.

(c) The work of five Non-Governmental Organizations has been found to be unsatisfactory. Out of this, four Organizations have been black listed for non-implementation of work as per the scheme guidelines and in respect of one, a show cause notice has been issued.